

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for selectively placing a distress call in response to activity of an implanted medical device, comprising:
receiving a wireless signal from the implanted medical device; and
transmitting the distress call in the form of a voice synthesized message to a remote location in response to receiving the wireless signal.
 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.
 3. (Canceled)
 - Od 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, prior to transmitting, determining that the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency being experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.
 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the wireless signal and distress call contain vital data pertaining to an organ being monitored by the implanted medical device.
 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distress call contains location information indicating a location of a device initiating the distress call.
 7. (Canceled)
 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the implanted medical device comprises one of a pacemaker, an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a combination thereof.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the implanted medical device comprises a transmitter configured to transmit the wireless signal and a heart regulating device.

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12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A system for selectively placing a distress call, comprising:

a wireless external receiver configured to receive a wireless signal from an implanted medical device; and

an external communications device ~~connected to~~ communicative with the wireless external receiver and configured to transmit a distress call in the form of a voice synthesized message to a remote location in response to receiving input from the wireless external receiver.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the distress call contains location information indicating a location of the external communications device.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a locator device configured to provide location information to the external communications device, wherein the location information is included in the distress call.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless signal and distress call contain vital data pertaining to an organ being monitored by the implanted medical device.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the implanted medical device comprises one of a pacemaker, an implantable cardioverter defibrillator and a combination thereof.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the implanted medical device comprises a transmitter configured to transmit the wireless signal and a heart regulating device.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the external communications device is configured to determine, prior to transmitting the distress call, that the wireless signal is indicative of a medical emergency being experienced by a human being wearing the implanted medical device.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) An implantable medical device having at least one of a serial number and a model number, comprising:

a monitoring device; and

a wireless transmitter in communication with the monitoring device and configured to selectively transmit a wireless distress signal including at least one of the serial number and the model number in response to predetermined activity of the monitoring device.

26. (Original) The implantable medical device of claim 25, wherein the wireless transmitter is configured to transmit the wireless distress signal to an external system configured to place a distress call to a remote location.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The implantable medical device of claim 25, ~~wherein the monitoring device comprises~~ further comprising a defibrillator, responsive to organ activity monitored by the monitoring device, and wherein the wireless transmitter is activated by the monitoring device to transmit the wireless distress signal only when the defibrillator has been activated to stimulate an organ.

31. (Original) The implantable medical device of claim 25, wherein the wireless transmitter is configured to transmit the wireless distress signal to an external system, and wherein the external system is configured to place a distress call to a remote location in response to the wireless distress signal.

32. (Original) The implantable medical device of claim 31, wherein the external system is a portable unit configured for communication with the wireless transmitter while in close proximity thereto.

33. (Original) The implantable medical device of claim 31, wherein the external system comprises a locator device configured to determine a location of the external system.

Please add the following new claims:

34. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the external communications device comprises a voice synthesizer, issuing the voice synthesized message.

35. (New) The implantable medical device of claim 25, wherein the wireless distress signals includes both the model number and the serial number of the implanted medical device.

36. (New) A system for selectively placing a distress call, comprising:
a wireless external receiver configured to receive a wireless signal from an implanted medical device;
an external communications device in communications with the wireless external receiver and configured to transmit a distress call to a remote location in response to receiving input from the wireless external receiver; and
an override device connected to the external communications device, configured to prevent transmission of the distress call.

37. (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the override device is configured to be operated by a human being.

38. (New) A system for selectively placing a distress call, comprising:
a wireless external receiver configured to receive a wireless signal from an implanted medical device;
an external communications device in communications with the wireless external receiver and configured to transmit a distress call in the form of a voice synthesized message to a remote location in response to receiving input from the wireless external receiver; and
an override device connected to the external communications device, configured to prevent transmission of the distress call.

39. (New) The system of claim 38, wherein the distress call comprises at least one of the serial number and the model number of the implanted medical device.